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	10/670,172	CHENG ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2003.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,2,7 and 8 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 3-6 and 9-12 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 5 and 6 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

For claims 5 and 6, the claims refer back to a method claim of the previous claim but the previous claims were an apparatus claims not method claim.

3. Claims 10 – 12 objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

For claim 10, the claims refer back to an apparatus claim of the previous claim but the previous claim was a method claim not an apparatus claim.

Claims 11 and 12 are objected to because they depend on an objected claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Zhang et al. (Non patent Literature/Performance Evaluation of Jitter Management Algorithms).

For claims 1 and 7, Zhang et al. teaches a buffer for buffering received packets of the talkspurt where each packet has a latency time in the buffer (see figure 2 Buffer); a LMS predictor using a Least Means Square algorithm for calculating a predicted next packet arrival interval after receiving each packet of the talkspurt to predict when a next packet will be received (see figure 2 Predictor); and a constant bit rate player for playing out the packets in the buffer at a substantially constant rate (see figure 2 Displayer); whereby the packet having the greatest latency in the buffer is discarded when the predicted next packet arrival interval is less than a draining threshold so that the latency of the packets in the buffer is controlled (see page 1013 left column lines 25 – 35).

For claims 2 and 8, Zhang et al. teaches the constant bit rate player starts to play out the packets in the buffer on first occurrence of one of the number of packets in the buffer exceeding a predefined buffer threshold and the packet in the buffer having the greatest latency exceeding a predefined maximum acceptable playout latency (see page 1013 left column lines 25 – 35).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 3/1, 3/2, 4 – 6, 9/7, 9/8, and 10 – 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

For claim 3 and 9, the prior art fails to show alone or in combination the prediction equation (line 7) used to predict the next packet arrival interval.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Agrawal et al. (US 6,072,809), Tseng et al. (US 7,142,517 B2), Wu et al. (US 2002/0176361 A1), Pang et al. (US 2003/0112758 A1), and Zeidler (Non Patent Literature/ Performance analysis of LMS adaptive prediction filters).

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary Mui whose telephone number is (571) 270-1420. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs. 9 - 3 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Ngo can be reached on (571) 272-3139. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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